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Marshal's Minute-State Fire Marshal Matt Perez

This year has posed many challenges, not only in the fire service, but also in communities all across the state. It's important that we stay the course and not become complacent as the coronavirus is still here and continues to impact thousands daily. Don't let your guard down; wear a mask, social distance and wash your hands. Continue to follow all guidance from IDPH, the CDC and your local health departments. Following these simple steps can help us stop the spread of the virus and can help keep our first responders safe and healthy. The health and safety of our first responders is very important, because if they are not there to respond to help, who will? The OSFM, IFCA, AFFI, IFA, MABAS and IFSI came together to produce a video encouraging the continued

use of PPE, good hygiene and following protocols and guidelines at work, at home and while traveling: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6LW_x3JbI0. Continue to provide me with your quarantine numbers as this will help the OSFM keep the Governor and other organizations aware of any shortages that may be occurring in departments due to members contracting COVID.

The OSFM is 'All In Illinois' and you can be too!

Summer is coming to a close as many students are either returning to school or beginning remote learning from home. Preparing a space for our kids to learn in a firesafe environment is very important. Make sure when setting up electronics that you use proper surge protectors and plug them directly into the wall. Read the instructions on all devices and follow the manufacturer's recommendations. Use this extra time to hold a family meeting and create a fire escape plan if you don't have one or review your current plan. Conduct a fire drill and make sure everyone knows two ways out of each room and where the meeting place is located. Schools hold these drills every year and since many of our homes are now "schools" we should follow their lead and be prepared. Incorporating fire safety into our daily or weekly curriculum will also help teach kids not only fire safety, but life safety skills that could help prevent an accident, or worse, a tragedy, from occurring.

The cancellation of both the Illinois State Fair and the Du Quoin State Fair means that we missed out on a chance to reach out and provide the public with a hands-on fire safety message. The OSFM took on this challenge and has created videos highlighting all the organizations that help us staff our fire safety tent at both fairs. We have also created a virtual experience utilizing props from our tent and having a couple of kids demonstrate proper fire safety. You can find these videos on our Facebook and Twitter pages, along with our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK2Ppj2v5F9wy-l5zJhHiw/>.

Employee Spotlight



Eric Michael
OSFM Procurement
Officer

Where are you originally from? East Peoria, IL

Tell us about your family? Kids, Significant Other? “Eligible Bachelor”

Favorite food(s)? Ribeye

Hobbies? Hunting/Fishing/Camping, anything outdoors basically.

When you get in the car what type of music will be coming out of your speakers? Rock or Country

What did you want to be when you were a kid? Farmer

What’s your favorite part of the job? My favorite part of procurement for the Agency/State is that every day is different. No purchase/contract is the same and you learn a lot about every aspect of business from the management and financial side to contract law.

What’s something unique about you? This is more unfortunate than unique in my opinion, but I have three first names.

Where is your favorite place to vacation? Key Largo and Fort Myers, Florida

Where is your bucket list destination? Salmon fishing in Alaska.

Fire Marshal Perez Elected to NASF Board of Directors



National Association of State Fire Marshals

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 14, 2020

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National Association of State Fire Marshals Announces Election of New Officers and Directors

At its annual membership meeting July 28th, the principal membership of the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) elected five State Fire Marshals to serve two-year terms on the Association's Board, announced Jim Narva, NASFM Executive Director.

The principal membership of the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) elected Director of the Division of Florida State Fire Marshal, Julius Halas, to serve a second two-year term as President of the association. Halas has served in the fire service for over 45 years and has served in various capacities on the Board since 2013.

"I truly appreciate the support and confidence of my colleagues in electing me to serve them for a second term as president," said Halas. "Working together with the exceptional Board and dedicated staff, I'm certain we will continue to effectively champion fire and life safety throughout the nation."

The NASFM membership also elected as its Vice-President, Michael Desrochers, Executive Director of the Vermont Division of Fire Safety, and Butch Browning, Louisiana State Fire Marshal, to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. Vice-President Desrochers has served on the Board of Directors since 2016. Secretary/Treasurer Browning has served on the Board since 2010, including serving as President from 2014-2018.

Mike Morgan, Director of the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control was re-elected to join sitting Board Directors Brian Geraci, Maryland State Fire Marshal, and Brian Taylor, North Carolina State Fire Marshal. They will be joined by Matt Perez, Illinois State Fire Marshal who was elected to his first term as Director.

"As former Wyoming State Fire Marshal and NASFM Board member, I am excited for the association's prospects as we work through these challenging times," said NASFM Executive forward to working alongside them as NASFM continues our leadership in advocating for fire prevention and life safety."

About NASFM, "A Strong United Voice for Fire Prevention"

The principal membership of NASFM comprises the senior fire officials in the United States and their top deputies. The primary mission of the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) is to protect human life, property and the environment from fire and related hazards. A secondary mission of NASFM is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of State Fire Marshals' operations. In addition to its principal membership, NASFM has several categories of membership to allow companies, associations, academic and research institutions, and individuals who support NASFM's mission to contribute in meaningful ways. Learn more about NASFM and its issues at www.firemarshals.org.

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OSFM Arson Canine Recertification




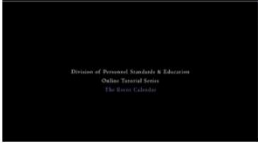

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present the OSFM with many challenges and we continue to meet them head on while overcoming them. The Arson Division has 8 Accelerant Detection Canine teams who work all across the state. These teams train daily to keep their skills sharp, but are required to recertify annually, and this year's recertification looked a little different. Teams from OSFM came to the Springfield office and conducted their recertification while working with the staff from Maine Specialty Dogs through a video conferencing platform. The canine and handler team went through the same drills they would if they would have conducted this recertification in person. Media outlets from across the state had the chance to speak with our teams and learn about this program after the training and recertification was completed.

To learn more about the OSFM Arson Canine Program visit:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Arson/Pages/Arson-Canine.aspx>



OSFM PS&E Training Videos**DIVISION OF PERSONNEL STANDARDS & EDUCATION**
ONLINE TUTORIAL SERIES

	PS&E Portal Roster Update Training The Personnel Standards and Education's (PS&E) Portal has received a face lift. A few changes have been made concerning how you update your department/district roster. Click here to learn about the changes so you can keep your roster current.
	PS&E Calendar Tutorial Video The calendar on the PS&E Web Access Portal has many options and is a great way for you to plan ahead for classes or tests. This tutorial will walk you through how to best utilize this feature.
	Course Reference Material Training Short In this PS&E Training Short, learn where to find reference materials on the web access portal.

The Division of Personnel Standards and Education (PS&E) continues to produce training and tutorial videos. The latest video series is called, "Training Shorts." These shorter video tutorials will focus on frequently asked questions sent to the division. The first of this series focuses on where to find reference materials on the web access portal.

Watch for news on when new videos are available by following our Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages.

To view this video and other training videos visit:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Personnel-Standards/Pages/TrainingTutorialVideos.aspx>



State Honors Fallen Firefighters

The State of Illinois honored three fallen brothers who lost their lives due to COVID-19. Fire Marshal Perez worked closely with the Governor's office to honor Mario Araujo, Edward Singleton and Robert David Reisinger. Flags were lowered to half-staff on Monday, August 10th in their honor.

"The Department of Central Management Services has received notice from Governor JB Pritzker that all person or entities covered by the Illinois Flag Display Act to fly flags at half-staff in honor of Chicago Firefighters Mario Araujo and Edward Singleton, and River Grove Firefighter/Paramedic Robert David Reisinger."



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URGENT NOTICE

TO:	All State Owned & Occupied Buildings
FROM:	Michael Pittman Deputy Director Bureau of Property Management
DATE:	Monday, August 10, 2020
RE:	Lowering of Flags

Notice to Proceed Memo

The Department of Central Management Services has received notice from Governor JB Pritzker that all person or entities covered by the Illinois Flag Display Act are to fly the flags at half-staff in honor and remembrance of:

**Firefighter Mario Araujo
of the Chicago Fire Department**

All United States flags and State of Illinois flag should already be lowered due to the COVID-19 disaster proclamation. No additional actions are needed at this time.

More information is available at <http://www.illinois.gov/news/Pages/Flag.asp>

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MABAS Encourages A COOP Plan

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ALL DIVISION NOTICE

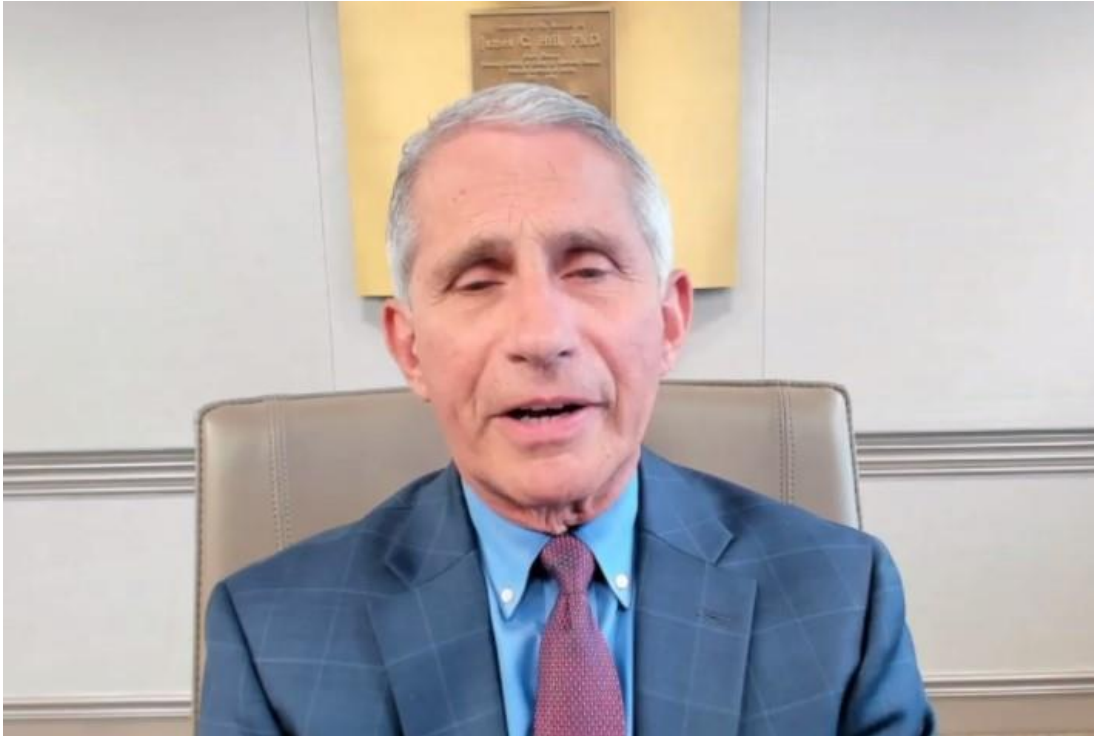
August 13, 2020

With the resurgence of the COVID-19 Virus, the possibility of fire agencies experiencing personnel quarantines that impact their ability to provide continued service has increased.

MABAS encourages fire agencies to have in place a Continuation of Operations Plan (COOP) to address these potential shortfall situations.

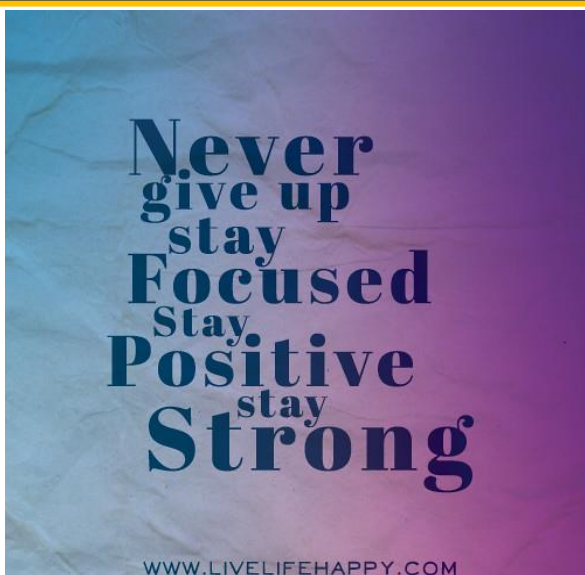
- 1. Stricken agencies can utilize normal mutual aid to request help either through divisional or inter-divisional aid. This can be done immediately.**
- 2. If longer term aid is anticipated, consider requesting assistance from IEMA. Contact your local Emergency Management Agency and request that they contact the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and request an Emergency Declaration due to the COVID 19 Pandemic to provide aid. This will allow for the recovery of any expenses incurred by the stricken and providing agencies.**
- 3. MABAS can provide logistical support such as shelter systems, Decon Vehicles, Mission Support Units, and decontamination equipment to provide a clean-living environment for assisting personnel.**
- 4. It will be greatly appreciated that departments able to aid stricken members please do so. MABAS will do everything possible to provide equipment to keep firefighters safe.**
- 5. Please contact your local MABAS Operations Branch Chief or MABAS Operations if you have any questions.**

Please stay safe and thanks for your efforts during this difficult time.

Dr. Fauci Thanks EMS Providers and Personnel

Dr. Anthony Fauci thanked EMS providers and personnel, while urging resiliency in the fight against COVID-19. Sustained discipline is what is needed to gain an upper hand, and heightened vigilance into the fall and beyond. “Your confidence working on the front lines,” even at heightened personal risk, “has been truly remarkable,” he said. “Your courage and commitment are genuinely heroic.”

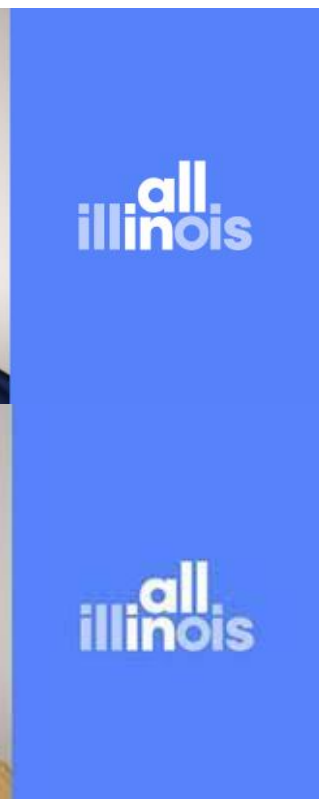
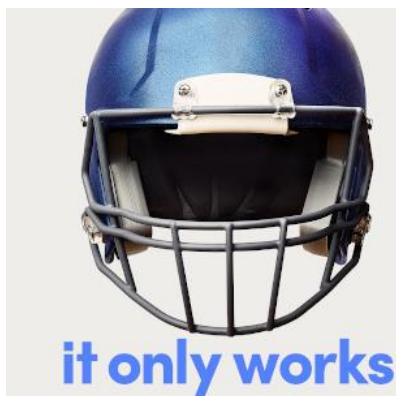
<https://www.emsworld.com/article/1224665/fauci-thanks-ems-urges-resiliency>



COVID Safety



Illinois launched a new campaign focused on wearing a mask; It only works if you wear it! Every day we do things that keep us safe, like wearing a seatbelt, putting on a lifejacket or wearing a football helmet when we play football. A mask is just the same. It only works when you wear it! Always wear a mask when you go out in public to protect yourself and others. Remember the "3 Ws" when going out in public; wear a mask or face covering, watch your distance and wash your hands. We are in this together and will get through this together. #allinIllinois #OneTeamOneFight



FACE COVERINGS MUST BE WORN DURING ALL INTERACTIONS WITH STAFF AT BARS & RESTAURANTS

BE SURE TO COVER BOTH YOUR

**MOUTH
AND
NOSE**



**Please Keep
6 Feet**



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Be Alarmed! Smoke Alarm Program Reactivated

The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance & Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal's statewide smoke alarm installation program for fire departments has been reactivated from its 5-month Coronavirus-induced hiatus. As of August 18th, Illinois fire departments may resume requesting 10-year battery smoke alarms and submitting installation survey data.

While the program was on hold, Be Alarmed! has undergone some aesthetic enhancements, along with the development of a unique web portal that will be the primary platform for all smoke alarm needs going forward. Though none of the existing guidelines and requirements around the program have changed, fire departments will now be required to request smoke alarms and submit installation survey data directly through the portal - emails, faxes, or mailed information will no longer be accepted.

For more information on the Be Alarmed! Smoke Alarm Installation Program visit the IFSA website – www.IFSA.org/programs/alarms.



Illinois Fire Safety Alliance

Dedicated to Fire Safety, Burn Prevention, and Supporting Burn Survivors

OSFM Honors Tompkins



Photo Left to Right: East Dubuque Mayor Kirk VanOstrand, Amannda Tompkins, Raleigh Ege and Fire Chief Joe Heim.

East Dubuque Mayor Kirk VanOstrand and East Dubuque Fire - Rescue & Fire Corp Fire Chief Joe Heim presented certificates of appreciation to Raleigh Ege and Amannda Tompkins for their quick actions during a fire at the Bell Tower Retirement Community. OSFM honored Tompkins for her actions. Great job!



IFSI Minute**AN UPDATE FROM THE ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE:**

It has been a busy month for the Illinois Fire Service Institute. Our team has resumed face-to-face course deliveries across the state and is preparing for a robust fall training schedule.

The Fire Academy begins September 14. We are expecting over 40 candidates to complete the seven-week resident academy this fall. Students enrolled in the Basic Operations Firefighter Blended program are also continuing their training efforts across the state through the month of September.

IFSI recently made significant changes to the 96th Annual Fire College event by condensing the program duration, reducing class sizes, and moving training to multiple locations. The 2020 event will now be delivered at five regional training sites across the state October 2-3. Training will take place in Champaign, Swansea, Chillicothe, Cherry Valley, and Plainfield. Each location will offer live fire and hands-on course options. To help alleviate training costs for departments, the 2020 Fire College tuition rates were reduced to only \$50/course. Free hotel accommodations remain available at all training locations, thanks to the financial support from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Seats are limited in all courses and online registration is strongly encouraged. Visit <https://go.illinois.edu/UPDATED2020FIRECOLLEGE> for complete event details.

The first on-campus fall Light and Fight will be offered September 26 in Champaign. This no cost training program delivers fundamental training appropriate for all skill levels. Light and Fight classes incorporate hands-on, live fire training and offer multiple rotations focusing on basic SCBA, hose handling and movement, ladder raises, carries, climbing, tool handling, and proper tool selection for an assigned task. Advance registration is required and can be completed online at <https://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/courses/programs/>.

We are grateful to our students, staff, and partners for the continued support in the fulfillment of our mission, *Helping Firefighters Do Their Work Through Training, Education, Information, and Research*.

State of Illinois Preliminary Exposure Reduction Project

The Illinois Fire Service Institute provided an update on the latest statistics from the State of Illinois Preliminary Exposure Reduction Project in August.

The latest data shows that 15,299 firefighters across 441 departments in Illinois now have access to Preliminary Exposure Reduction Equipment. IFSI Research has shown that field decontamination using dish soap, water, and scrubbing was able to reduce PAH contamination on turnout jackets by a median of 85%. MABAS reports that 1,365 DECON Bucket Kits have been distributed to 422 departments. There were 276 bucket kits delivered to five regional sites across the state. As of September 1st, there are 93 DECON bucket kits waiting to be picked up by 31 departments. Once these are distributed, this will bring the total number of DECON bucket kits delivered to 1,448 to 453 departments.

To join this list and help reduce firefighters' risk of exposure to harmful carcinogens, visit fsi.illinois.edu to take the training and request your buckets.

FREE DECON EQUIPMENT
IS NOW AVAILABLE TO ILLINOIS FIRE DEPARTMENTS

 **IFSI**
RESEARCH

**STATE OF ILLINOIS PRELIMINARY
EXPOSURE REDUCTION PROJECT**

VISIT FSI.ILLINOIS.EDU FOR COMPLETE DETAILS



Virtual Illinois State Fair

The OSFM took the Illinois State Fair Fire Safety Tent online this year due to the fair being cancelled. Groups who were normally working the tent were highlighted and spoke about what their group feels is the most important fire safety message they want people to know and understand.



The Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts (IAFPD) were scheduled to work the fire safety tent on Friday, August 14th. The mission of IAFPD is supporting better governance by fire protection district officials through education, resources, communication and legislation. To learn more about the IAFD visit: www.iafpd.org.

Here is the IAFPD video for the virtual fire safety tent: <https://youtu.be/ZzwMtTWYFcE>



Photos by Michael Mounts

www.flashover-photography.com

The Illinois Professional Firefighters Association (IPFA) were scheduled to work the fire safety tent on Saturday, August 15th. The objectives of the IPFA are to promote the interest of professional firefighters throughout the State of Illinois and to secure the cooperation of firefighters in every town, village, city, county and state. To learn more about this organization visit: <https://ipfaonline.org/>

Here is the IPFA video for the virtual fire safety tent: <https://youtu.be/bsv4NP3WNnQ>



Virtual Illinois State Fair



The International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) Illinois Chapter would have been working the fire safety tent on Saturday, August 15th. The mission of the Illinois Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators is to unite for mutual benefit public officials, private persons, and associations who are engaged in the investigation of the origin and cause of fires;

To provide, develop and support the establishment of training, educational programs and educational materials to improve the quality of fire investigations;

To develop programs and implement strategies and initiatives to increase public awareness of Arson and its impact on our communities;

To encourage high professional standards of conduct among fire investigators and continually strive to eliminate all factors that interfere with the investigation of the origin and cause of fires. Visit www.il-iaai.com to learn more about this organization.

Here is the IAAI video for the virtual fire safety tent:

<https://youtu.be/dEZWn7sxnPE>



The Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) would have been working the fire safety tent on Sunday, August 16th. The mission of the organization is to promote excellence in the fire service by providing an information-sharing network and by offering educational, legislative and technical opportunities to our diverse membership and associated partnerships. Visit <https://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org/> to learn more.

Here is the IFCA video for the virtual fire safety tent:

<https://youtu.be/LNGuBmrrW-8>



Virtual Illinois State Fair



The Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Illinois (MABAS) was scheduled to work the fire safety tent on Monday, August 17th. MABAS-Illinois serves local fire agencies, MABAS Divisions, State of Illinois departments, and Cook County UASI-DHSEM by providing a systems-based resource allocation and distribution network of robust traditional and nontraditional fire-EMS-rescue and special operations teams for emergency and sustained response within and outside of the State of Illinois. Accomplishment of the services requires cooperation, standardization, reliability, partnering, brokering and ongoing communication and compliance with customer specification and expectations. Customer trust and reliance on the MABAS system is built upon personal relationships, credibility, and ongoing customer support.

To learn more about MABAS-IL visit <http://www.mabas-il.org/>.

Here is the MABAS video for the virtual fire safety tent: <https://youtu.be/1VVPWt43h14>



The Chicago Fire Department (CFD) would have been working the fire safety tent on Tuesday, August 18th. CFD is the largest department in the state and is home to some unique innovations that the fire service uses today. To learn more about the real and not Hollywood version of this department visit

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cfd.html>

Here is the CFD video for the virtual fire safety tent:

<https://youtu.be/hlmOGzM5bVQ>



Virtual Illinois State Fair



The Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI) would have been teaching fire safety to kids at the fire safety tent on Wednesday, August 19th. The Mission of the AFFI is to: promote superior fire protection and emergency services for the taxpayers and citizens of Illinois; organize, support, and educate local unions; connect, energize, and advocate for the welfare of the professional union fire fighters and EMS providers of the State of Illinois; and provide a unified voice for legislation that promotes the interests of professional union fire fighters and EMS providers. To accomplish this mission, the AFFI provides services to support and educate local unions and individual members, with an emphasis on collective bargaining, legislative affairs and education.

To learn more about this organization visit <https://www.affi-iaff.org/>

Here is the AFFI video for the virtual fire safety tent: <https://youtu.be/aKhYhwkWvKE>



The Illinois Fire Safety Institute (IFSI) would have been working the fire safety tent on Thursday, August 20th. IFSI is the state's fire academy, helping firefighters do their work through training, education, information and research. To learn more about what IFSI has to offer visit www.fsi.illinois.edu.

IFSI produced three separate videos for the virtual fire safety tent:

Ag Safety: <https://youtu.be/Sbls9BwQ8C0>

Director Mortenson: https://youtu.be/Czi_mT-x4dA

Doc Patterson: <https://youtu.be/C99YfUOOXIM>



Virtual Illinois State Fair



The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance would have been working the fire safety tent on Friday, August 21st. IFSA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fire safety, burn prevention, and supporting burn survivors.

Through partnerships, along with bringing together volunteers and supporters, the IFSA will accomplish its mission in an ethical, compassionate, and professional manner. To learn more about the programs IFSA sponsors visit www.ifsa.org.

Here is the IFSA video for the virtual fire safety tent: <https://youtu.be/Nv3SfOZEUVQ>



The Illinois Firefighters Association (IFA) would have been working the fire safety tent on Saturday, August 23rd. The IFA is the oldest firefighter organization in the state and was founded on January 8, 1889. The mission of the Illinois Firefighter's Association, Inc. (IFA): Dedicated to the advancement of the Fire Service by providing leadership, the Association will proudly support the community of firefighters in Illinois through education, training, benefits and information networking at the local, state, and national levels. To learn more visit www.illinoisfirefighters.org

Here is the IFA video for the virtual fire safety tent: <https://youtu.be/nYxdatfB5yQ>



Virtual Illinois State Fair



The Illinois Fire Inspectors Association (IFIA) would have been working the fire safety tent on Sunday, August 23rd. The mission of the IFIA is to reduce death and injuries from fire and other dangers through education, enforcement and engineering.

Here is the IFIA video for the virtual fire safety tent:

<https://youtu.be/OnrD4pXBUzA>



The Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts (NIAFPD) was scheduled to work the fire safety tent on Sunday, August 23rd. The objectives of the Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts are to foster the exchange of ideas and information among and between Alliance members; to encourage and promote the advancement of common interests of fire protection districts; to develop a regional resource bank of information; to present educational programs, seminars and materials particularly aimed at the specialized needs of northern Illinois fire protection districts; to develop and encourage cooperation among fire protection districts; to provide a vehicle and forum for the unified expression of opinions and positions by members upon political, economic or social matters or events of concern to the members of the NIAFPD.

Here is the NIAFPD video: <https://youtu.be/1p4yzzjm6Ww>



Virtual Fire Apparatus Display



Virtual Fire Apparatus Display



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STATE FAIR
AUGUST 13 - 23, 2020

AFG Safer Grant Recipients

Sugar Grove Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$9,900	8/3/20	Lasalle, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$6,952	8/3/20	Champaign, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$207,030	7/17/20
Chicago Ridge, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$142,500	8/3/20	Sterling, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$2,969	8/3/20	Steeleville, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$2,856	7/17/20
Aurora, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$975,000	8/3/20	Monroe Twp Fire Ambulance	IL	Operations and Safety	\$106,476	8/3/20	Witt, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$2,718	7/17/20
Forest Park, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$38,152	8/3/20	Coal City Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$164,861	8/3/20	Manteno, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$36,614	7/17/20
Oak Forest, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$2,535	8/3/20	Spring Grove, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$136,119	8/3/20	Romeoville, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$18,636	7/17/20
Village of Flossmoor	IL	Operations and Safety	\$3,687	8/3/20	Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$3,692	8/3/20	Glencoe, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$18,800	7/17/20
Antioch Fire Department	IL	Operations and Safety	\$265,454	8/3/20	Taylorville, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$887	8/3/20	North Park Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$2,849	7/17/20
Plainfield Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$361,454	8/3/20	Cisco Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$2,380	8/3/20	Westmont, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$38,205	7/10/20
Bedford Park, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$95,238	8/3/20	Libertyville, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$48,381	8/3/20	Sycamore, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$10,267	7/10/20
Midlothian Fire Dept	IL	Operations and Safety	\$255	8/3/20	Richmond Township Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$572,657	8/3/20	Nokomis, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$1,796	7/10/20
Harrisburgh, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$1,414	8/3/20	Amboy Ambulance & Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$19,969	8/3/20	Prospect Heights Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$2,857	7/10/20
Geneva, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$9,090	8/3/20	Niles, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$37,622	7/29/20	Greater Round Lake Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$70,727	7/8/20
Pontiac, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$230,476	8/3/20	Grayslake Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$184,080	7/29/20	Lake Bluff, The Village Of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$2,215	7/8/20
Westmont, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$181,818	8/3/20	Decatur, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$271,090	7/29/20	Chatham Village	IL	Operations and Safety	\$2,874	7/8/20
Browning, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$32,857	7/29/20	Bridgeview, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$75,937	7/29/20	<div>AFG SAFER Grant awardees were announced and published in July and August. Numerous departments and cities from across the state have been awarded a grant. The OSFM congratulates you on your award. Stay Safe and Well!</div>				
Mc Cook, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$168,952	7/29/20	Beecher Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$88,666	7/29/20					
Lincoln Rural Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$135,000	7/29/20	South Chicago Heights, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$57,142	7/29/20					
Forest View, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$93,333	7/29/20	Lewistown Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$121,142	7/29/20					
Sycamore, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$218,534	7/29/20	Riverdale, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$44,117	7/29/20					
Ashley Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$103,000	7/29/20	Grant Park Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$26,290	7/24/20					
Bowen Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$2,380	7/29/20	Park Forest, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$2,727	7/24/20					
North Maine Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$56,363	7/29/20	Oswego Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$16,049	7/24/20					
Jacksonville, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$186,666	7/29/20	Cherry Valley Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$11,136	7/17/20					
Rochelle, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$166,666	7/29/20	Clarendon Hills, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$25,285	7/17/20					
Herrin, City of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$61,904	7/29/20	Mchenry Township Fire Protection Dist	IL	Operations and Safety	\$23,047	7/17/20					
Dwight Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$31,085	7/29/20	Wauconda Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$9,040	7/17/20					
Godfrey, Township of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$168,400	7/29/20	Chapin, Village of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$2,879	7/17/20					
Crete Township Supervisors office	IL	Operations and Safety	\$43,979	7/29/20	Beecher Fire Protection District	IL	Operations and Safety	\$6,474	7/17/20					
Burbank, City Of	IL	Operations and Safety	\$212,445	7/8/20										
Limestone Fire Protection District	IL	Operations & Safety	\$7,054	7/1/20										
Posen, Village Of	IL	Operations & Safety	\$58,916	7/1/20										
Bartlett Fire Protection District	IL	Operations & Safety	\$18,799	7/1/20										
City of Chicago	IL	Operations & Safety	\$738,626	6/18/20										





FEMA

FEMA AFG-S Grant Opportunity

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FEMA FACT SHEET

Assistance to Firefighters Grant – COVID-19 Supplemental Program (AFG-S)

FEMA is providing an additional chance to apply for funds under the AFG-S program to support the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) and related supplies by the fire service community to help prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Overview

FEMA is providing an additional chance for **volunteer** and **combination** fire departments to apply for funding under the FY 2020 AFG-S. Through this funding opportunity, FEMA will directly award funding for PPE and other supplies to support the COVID-19 response. FEMA anticipates opening the application period in October 2020.

Purpose

The purpose of AFG-S is to award grants directly to fire departments to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public, as well as that of first-responder personnel through the purchase of PPE and related essential supplies related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The AFG-S objectives are to provide resources that equip personnel to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and support community resilience. Grants will be awarded, using a competitive process, to applicants whose requests best address the priorities of AFG-S.

Funding

AFG-S is authorized by section 33 of the *Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974*, Pub. L. No. 93-498, as amended (15 U.S.C. § 2229) and authorized and funded by the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*, Div. B (Pub. L. No. 116-136).

The \$100 million in funding appropriated for AFG-S by the CARES Act is separate and distinct from the FY 2019 AFG Program NOFO published on January 27, 2020. An initial application period for AFG-S funding closed on May 15, 2020. This initial application period was open to career, volunteer, and combination fire departments; nonaffiliated EMS organizations; and state fire training academies. By law, 25 percent of available AFG-S funds must be awarded to volunteer fire departments and another 25 percent must be awarded to combination fire departments. This second application period will be limited to those categories of fire departments to fulfill this requirement. All activities under this solicitation will be limited to the purchase of PPE and related supplies required to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. This includes reimbursement for expenditures made since January 1, 2020.

ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT – COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM (AFG-S)

Eligibility

Volunteer and Combination Fire Departments operating in any of the 50 states as well as fire departments in the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any federally recognized Indian tribe or tribal organization. A fire department is an agency or organization having a formally recognized arrangement with a state, local, tribal, or territorial authority (city, county, parish, fire district, township, town, or other governing body) to provide fire suppression to a population within a geographically fixed primary first due response area.

A volunteer fire department means a fire department that has an all-volunteer force of firefighting personnel.

A combination fire department means a fire department that has paid firefighting personnel and volunteer firefighting personnel. Departments which pay fees/stipends (Paid on call) are also considered under this category.

Volunteer and combination fire departments are eligible to apply in this round even if they had a successful application in the first round; however, applications must support new capabilities. Departments that applied in the first round but were unsuccessful must reapply to be considered for funding in this round; applications from the first round will not automatically carry forward to this round for consideration.

Program Highlights

AFG-S eligible organizations may submit applications under the following categories:

Operations and Safety:

- Personal Protective Equipment

Regional Projects:

- Regional projects in which multiple, eligible organizations (serving more than one local jurisdiction) would benefit directly from the activities requested with grant funds.

Micro Grants:

- \$150,000 will be set aside for micro grants. The maximum dollar amount per micro grant is \$3,000.

Evaluation Criteria

The funding priorities and evaluation criteria are developed from recommendations provided by a criteria development panel composed of fire service professionals representing the major fire service organizations. AFG-S applications will be reviewed through a multi-phase process. All applications will be electronically pre-scored and ranked based on how well they align with the funding priorities. Applications with the highest pre-score rankings will then be scored competitively by members of a Peer Review Panel. Applications will also be evaluated through a series of internal FEMA review processes for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, technical feasibility, and the anticipated effectiveness of the proposed project(s).



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Applicants requesting reimbursement or requesting immediate use of PPE will receive a higher consideration than applicants requesting funds to develop future response capabilities. Applicant requests should include information about current supply, response usage, and anticipated peak-use dates.

All submitted applications will be ranked based on the substance of the application, relative to the established funding priorities.

Applications that score the highest and are determined to be in the "competitive range" will undergo further evaluation by a panel of peers from the fire service.

Outreach

In anticipation of opening the application period in October 2020, FEMA will be conducting outreach to eligible applicants. This outreach will include a series of webinars. Information about this funding opportunity also will be posted on <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters>.



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FDA Sanitizer Recall Update

The FDA is warning consumers and health care providers that the agency has seen a sharp increase in hand sanitizer products that are labeled to contain ethanol (also known as ethyl alcohol) but that have tested positive for methanol contamination. Methanol, or wood alcohol, is a substance that can be toxic when absorbed through the skin or ingested and can be life-threatening when ingested. Methanol is not an acceptable ingredient for hand sanitizers and must not be used due to its toxic effects. The FDA's investigation of methanol in certain hand sanitizers is ongoing and has identified over 170 different types that are recalled.

Check your supply to make sure it is not on the recall list: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-consumers-should-not-use>



Stop on Red Week- August 2nd-8th

National Stop on Red Week is a campaign to raise awareness about the issues of running red lights and the dangers associated with this deadly trend. Running red lights can be fatal with nearly 12,000 people being killed in red-light running related crashes between 2004-2018. According to a survey, 31% of drivers reported they ran a red light in the last 30 days. In 2019, Friday was the deadliest day for red light running with 556,745 people cited for running red lights. Illinois ranks 5th deadliest state of run-light running according to a 2018 Traffic Safety Culture Index. Let's change this and hit the pedal on the left, a.k.a. the brake, when the light turns red.

TEN REASONS TO STOP ON RED

1. **RED-LIGHT RUNNING CAN BE FATAL.**
2. One in three Americans know someone who has been injured or killed in a red-light running crash.
3. Between 2004-2018, an estimated **11,877 people were killed** in red-light running related crashes.
4. On average, two people died each day in red-light running crashes in the United States in 2017.
5. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens.
6. In 2018, **139,000 people were injured** in crashes involving red-light running.
7. Over half of the deaths in red-light running crashes are pedestrians, bicyclists and occupants in vehicles other than the vehicle running the red light.
8. Nearly **85% of drivers** say it is unacceptable to go through red-lights, yet nearly 31% admitted to doing so in the past 30 days.
9. The most common type of urban crashes involve drivers who run red lights, stop signs and other traffic controls.
10. Red-light running is often a result of aggressive or distracted driving and is completely preventable.

National Stop On Red Week: AUG 2-8
#StopOnRed2020

Railroad Safety Tips

Grade Crossing Safety Tips

- **Never** drive or walk around lowered grade crossing gates.
- **Never** attempt to outrun an approaching train.
- **Never** stop your vehicle on a grade crossing waiting for traffic to move.
- **Never** begin to drive across the tracks unless you can get all the way across.
- **Always** call the Emergency Notification System (ENS) number 24 hours a day to report problems or obstructions at the crossing. Look for the number on the blue sign near the crossing or on the crossbuck.
- **Always** remember a train can take a mile or more to stop.
- **Always** know that the average train is three feet wider than the track on each side.
- **Always** slow down and stop your vehicle prior to train tracks when lights begin to flash.



Railroad Trespassing

- **Never** walk, run, play or take pictures on the railroad right-of-way. If you are on or near the tracks, you are trespassing on private property and breaking the law.
- **Never** attempt to outrun an approaching train. It can take a train a mile or more to stop.
- **If** you're standing on the train tracks, you may not hear or feel an oncoming train in time to get away safely.
- **Only** cross the tracks at designated public crossings.
- **For** more safety tips, visit oli.org



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Children and Fire Safety

Many kids are home remote learning and could become bored and curious when they are done with their studies. With parents working and not able to pay as close attention as they want, kids could become curious and search the house for interesting items. Parents: make sure lighters and matches are put away in a locked cabinet so kids can't reach them.

It's a good time to incorporate fire safety into your lesson plans and talk to your kids about never playing with matches and lighters.



Children "playing" with or starting fires is dangerous and costly. Each year these fires cause hundreds of injuries, millions of dollars in damage, and are most likely to kill young children under the age of 5.

Some children play with fire out of curiosity, boredom, or peer pressure, not realizing its danger. But other children misuse fire because they are struggling with problems or emotions. Without proper intervention and instruction, children who misuse fire will very likely do it again. However, if punishment is the only intervention strategy used, it could actually contribute to the problem. What can you do?

Follow these tips to keep your family safe:

- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children, up high, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Closely supervise children, making sure that they are kept away from other fire sources, including lit candles, cigarettes, bonfires, and stoves.
- It is natural for young children to be curious and ask questions about fire, play with fire trucks, or pretend to cook. Use these opportunities to teach them about fire safety.
- Explain that fire moves very fast and can hurt as soon as it touches them. Tell them that this is why matches and lighters are tools for adults only.
- Teach young children to never touch matches or lighters. They must go tell a grown-up when matches or lighters are found.
- Establish clear rules and consequences about unsupervised and unauthorized uses of fire.
- Be a good example! Always use fire sources — matches, lighters, candles, fireplaces, and campfires — in a safe manner. Never treat them as toys, or children may imitate you.
- Talk with children about what their friends or other children are doing with fire. What are they seeing online in video games, on TV, in movies, and on social media? Teach them specific ways to resist the peer pressure to misuse fire.
- Give praise for showing respect and age-appropriate responsible behavior toward fire.

Important!

Understand that children and fire are a **deadly combination**. If you suspect a child is unusually interested in fire or is setting fires, take immediate action. Follow these safety tips. Contact your local fire department, school, burn center, or counseling agency to get help from specially trained experts.

All children are at risk for using fire unsafely. Many fires happen simply because matches and lighters are left within a child's reach.



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Electrical Fire Safety

Home offices continue to buzz with activity and now remote learning has started for a lot of kids across the state. Make sure you are following proper electrical safety when setting up the home classroom and plugging in electronics.

Electrical Safety

Flipping a light switch. Plugging in a coffeemaker. Charging a laptop computer. These are second nature for most of us. Electricity makes our lives easier. However, we need to be cautious and keep safety in mind.



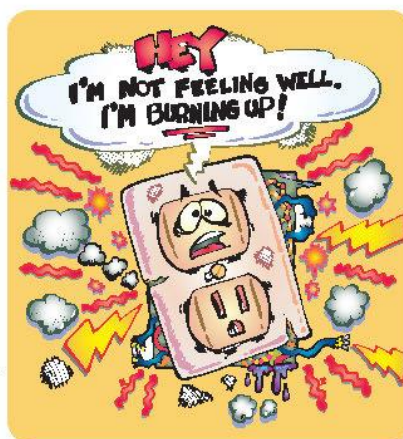
SAFETY TIPS

- Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.
- When you are buying or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a qualified private inspector or in accordance with local requirements.
- Only use one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time.
- Major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, washers, stoves, air conditioners, microwave ovens, etc.) should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Extension cords and plug strips should not be used.
- Arc-fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) shut off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs. Consider having them installed in your home.
- Use ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to reduce the risk of shock. GFCIs shut off an electrical circuit when it becomes a shock hazard. They should be installed inside the home in bathrooms, kitchens, garages and basements. All outdoor receptacles should be GFCI protected.
- Test AFCIs and GFCIs once a month according to the manufacturer's recommendations. You do not need a flame to start a fire. Fires can start when heat builds up near things that burn. This can happen when a hot light bulb is near things that burn, such as cloth or paper, or a cord has been placed under a carpet.
- Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.
- Use a light bulb with the right number of watts. There should be a sticker that indicates the right number of watts.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Call a qualified electrician or your landlord if you have:

- Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers
- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance
- Discolored or warm wall outlets
- A burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance
- Flickering or dimming lights
- Sparks from an outlet



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Labor Day RV Safety



Motor homes, campers, and recreational vehicles are used for living and traveling. Each year, fires in them cause deaths, injuries, and millions of dollars in damages. Fires can start in the kitchen. They can start in the engine area. Sometimes the fires are electrical. With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent these fires from happening.

SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms. Make sure they work.
- Stay in the kitchen while you cook. Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.
- Only use one heat-producing appliance plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time. Major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet.
- Refrigerators, furnaces, ovens and stovetops use propane. Check them for leaks. Keep an updated gas leak detector on board.
- Have your propane system inspected to make sure it still works properly.
- Know two ways out. Make sure windows open easily.
- Have everyone practice the home fire escape plan.
- Do not keep camping heaters and lanterns on while sleeping.
- Before setting up a campfire, make sure it is allowed.
- If campfires are allowed, they need to be at least 25 feet away from anything that can burn.
- Have your vehicle serviced by a qualified mechanic.
- Keep a portable fire extinguisher on board. Only adults who know how to operate it should use it. Only use it if the fire is small and can be contained. Make sure everyone else is leaving. Make sure someone is calling the fire department.



Carbon Monoxide Awareness

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas. You cannot see it. You cannot taste it. You cannot smell it. CO poisoning can result from leaks in the exhaust. It can happen because of improper use of appliances. Sometimes CO comes from another vehicle. Make sure you have a working CO alarm.

FACT

When the vehicle is used as a structure, the most common area for these fires to start is the kitchen or cooking area. This is followed by the engine area, running gear, or wheel area. Check for safety inside and outside of the vehicle.



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RV trips and camping has become more popular due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Follow these tips above before hitting the road to ensure a safe and fun Labor Day weekend and fall camping season.

Shout Outs/Kudos

Good Afternoon Sir,

I am retiring after 31 years with the Alton Fire Department in a few weeks, and I just wanted to take time to say thank you to the Fire Marshals Office. I have been a fire investigator for many years with Alton. I have worked alongside many investigators from the Fire Marshals Office, notably Daniel Tallman and Greg Vespa, both outstanding and professional investigators. They as well as other investigators from your office have and still provide excellent service to the Alton Fire Department.

*Once again, Thank You!
Brad Sweetman, Deputy Chief Alton Fire Department*

Mary Torricelli

I'm sure I've said it before, but you are the best! Thank you for the guidance and the quick responses. You're making this process so much easier than expected. I'm not sure how we would move forward without your assistance. Again, thank you for everything you've done.

*Edward Burnley
Lewis and Clark Community College
Fire Science Program Coordinator*

Chris Bednarek

I wanted to say, "thank you". I am on the OSFM website daily and I have been seeing all the new training videos and I wanted to say these are super helpful! Keep them coming! Great new tools. I really like them. And you are really good at doing these!

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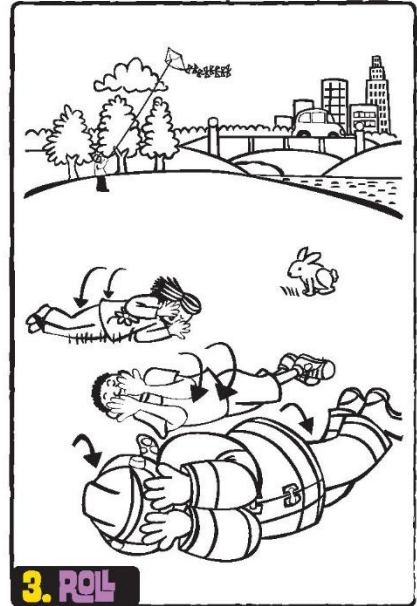
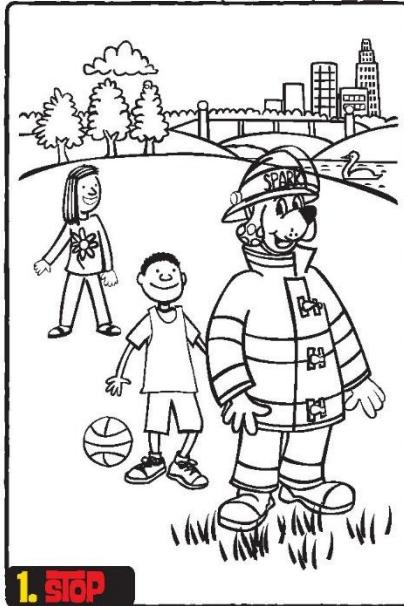
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Kids' Corner



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